

HOUSE BILL 2850

By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,  
Chapter 6, relative to creating a parenting plan  
effectiveness evaluation pilot project.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-414, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The administrative office of the courts (AOC) shall establish and implement a parenting plan effectiveness evaluation pilot project. The AOC shall develop policies and procedures to implement the pilot project that are consistent with this section. The pilot project shall be established in at least one (1) county within each of the state's three (3) grand divisions.

(b) The AOC shall develop a "parenting plan survey" to be completed by each party subject to the processes established by this part that shall survey the effectiveness of the program, including but not limited to, whether the processes have reduced the number of court visits required to be made by the parties and reduced court costs and attorney's fees. The survey shall be used consistently by each court within the three (3) counties. The AOC shall keep such identifying information contained in such survey confidential.

(c) On or before February 15, 2010, and on or before February 15 of each year thereafter, the AOC shall report to the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives the findings concerning the efficiency and effectiveness of the parenting plan processes and the pilot project.

(d) The pilot project shall remain in effect until July 1, 2012.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of the administrative office of the courts developing a survey and establishing policies and procedures relevant to the implementation of this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes it shall take effect on July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.